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For every 100 non-rural homeless students covered, only 63 rural homeless students are covered.

Disproportionate allocation of funds

42% Coverage in Rural Area
67% Coverage in Non-rural Areas

Nearly 162,361 homeless students in rural America

58% of these students are not covered by McKinney-Vento funding.

Is the method by which funding is calculated fair to rural homeless students?

Nearly 95,000 Homeless Students in rural America at risk of not getting the services they need.

They attended school in over 2,600 rural school districts across 46 states.

Nearly 7,000 students were located in eight states that distributed no sub-grants to any of their rural school districts.

How Do McKinney-Vento Funds Help Homeless Students?

*School districts are eligible for McKinney-Vento funds, which are allocated by the federal government and distributed by state governments specifically for providing support services to homeless students. Examples of services include:

- Transportation
- Tutors and other academic supports
- Basic school supplies
- Specialized training and professional development for teachers and other school staffers